

In the Specification

On page 1, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

The present invention is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/598,084 filed June 21, 2000,  
which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/140,325 ~~entitled~~  
~~“Methods and Apparatus for Establishing Port Priority Functions in a VLIW Processor”~~ and filed  
June 21, 1999, both of which ~~is~~ are incorporated by reference herein in ~~its~~ their entirety.